GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:41
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SPECIFIC AREA CROP VARIETIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to promote `Specific area` crop varieties in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features there of;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been made available to each State for implementation of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.41 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26.07.2000.

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has designed and developed `All India Coordinated Research Projects` (AICRP) for coordinatingand developing location specific crop varieties and technologies for increasing the productivity and production of all important crops namely wheat, rice, pulses, oilseeds, millets and commercial/cash crops. The above projects are implemented through State Agricultural Universities including National Research Institutes,National Research Centres, Project Directorate of different Crops etc. The varieties and technologies so developed are tested at diverse agro-climatic condition before recommending for adoption under specific location.

In addition, in order to promote area specific crop varieties, the Seed Minikitprogramme in respect of Rice, Wheat, Coarse Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds are being implemented in various states of the country. Under the programme, pre- released/recently released location specific High Yielding/Improved varieties of these crops are demonstrated to popularize their cultivation among the farmers.

A sum of Rs.707 lakh for Seed Minikit programme of Rice, Wheat andCoarse Cereals has been allocated during 2000-2001. The Seed Minikit of Pulsesand Oilseeds are covered under Centrally Sponsored Schemes − National PulsesDevelopment Project and Oilseeds Production Programme respectively. The minikits of Pulses and Oilseeds are being supplied through central agencies to the different states as per their requirement. A sum of Rs.800 lakh has been allocated for implementation of this programme during 2000-2001.